

**Minutes of the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Alcohol Treatment Court Subcommittee**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

**Present:** Judge Kathy Foster (Chair), Mike DeMares, Kathy Madden, Karl Held, Diane Kelsner, Jean LaTour, Brad Schimel. **Absent:** Sara Carpenter, Judge Kieffer.

**Also Present:** Rebecca Luczaj, Kristy Gusse, Mike Giese. Recorded by Karen Phillips, County Board Office

**Update on Subcommittee Membership Change**

ATC Subcommittee member Ray Cunneen has retired and his position will not be filled. Giese will attend the ATC Subcommittee meetings when his schedule permits. Foster will include Giese and Meg Schnabl in future emails regarding this subcommittee.

**Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2009**

MOTION: Kelsner moved, second by Gusse, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATC Program Update**

Gusse presented the WCS statistics for the ATC Program as of the end of 2009. Since the beginning of the program, 166 participants have been served. In 2009, a total of 95 participants were served. There have been 94 graduates to date. Of those 94 graduates, 13,154 jail days were saved and participants attended over 11,000 meetings.

Gusse stated there are 46 active clients in the ATC program, which is 4 under capacity. LaTour voiced concerns about the program operating under capacity. Gusse explained there was a staffing shortage at WCS due to illness and the holiday season, and stated the number should be up to capacity in the next couple of months. Foster suggested that perhaps in the future more participants should be added in November, before the holiday season to prevent the caseload from being under capacity.

Foster suggested having some type of special recognition of the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> ATC Program graduate. The committee members further discussed a number of possibilities and scenarios.

Gusse informed the committee of a recent ATC graduate who reoffended (4<sup>th</sup> OWI) almost immediately following graduation. Foster would like to have WCS interview him at some point in the future to obtain information that could help in the evaluation of the ATC Program.

**Discuss Involvement of District Attorney's Office on ATC Staffing Team**

Schimel discussed the past difficulties his office has experienced in having a staff member available to attend the weekly ATC sessions. ADA Tim Suha has agreed to take on this responsibility, with the assistance of Schimel, and they will make every effort to attend ATC on Thursdays with Judge Kieffer. Foster suggested that it would be beneficial for Suha to attend the upcoming 2010 WI Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) Conference.

Foster stated she would like to encourage law enforcement to attend the ATC staffings as part of the curriculum of their in-service. Further discussion continued on this topic. Schimel suggested

creating a short roll call video, as he thinks it may be too hard to coordinate having officers attend ATC. He also suggested having one of the Community Resource Officers attend staffings regularly.

### **Discuss Adding ATC Graduate to Subcommittee Membership**

Foster stated that she has a suggestion for a potential candidate for membership. The Committee members discussed the pros and cons of having an ATC graduate appointed as an ATC Subcommittee member. LaTour expressed her reservations on this issue.

MOTION: Schimel moved, second by Held, to have an ATC graduate with a minimum of 4 years of sobriety as a voting member of the ATC Subcommittee for a renewable one-year term, subject to approval by the CJCC Executive Committee in accordance with the CJCC bylaws.

Motion carried: 7-1 (LaTour voted no)

WCS staff and Judge Foster would nominate the candidate. Luczaj suggested sending out a brief bio of the person to the ATC Subcommittee, and then she would forward it on to the CJCC Executive Committee for review and consideration.

### **Future Agenda Item**

- Implement an ATC post- graduation evaluation (LaTour)

### **Update on 2010 WI Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) & National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Conferences**

Luczaj distributed informational handouts on the WATCP Conference in Eau Claire, April 21-22, 2010, and the NADCP Conference in Boston, June 2-5, 2010. She stated that the CJCC would not have funding available to send staff to these conferences this year. Madden discussed a possible scholarship for justice system employees; she will forward further information to Luczaj.

Foster left at 1:30

Luczaj presented a brief update on a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) grant application.

### **Set Next Meeting Date & Discuss Agenda Items**

Luczaj will send an email outlining future meeting date options.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.